

DEMAND IS STRONG

All Produce Finding a Ready Market.

Poultry Offerings Are Smaller—Oregon Cheese Is Scarce—Run of Smelt Ceases—Oranges Find Ready Sale at Good Prices.

Portland, Feb. 8.—The produce market continues lively with all fruits, vegetables and meats in good demand.

Poultry has been coming in more slowly than for some days and the prospects are good for realizing current prices during the remainder of the week.

The run of smelt in the Cowlitz river has ceased on account of lower water and the price on the little fish, which are now all in the hands of the retailers, will be advanced.

Oranges are in heavy supply, but the demand is better than for many years and the fruit is finding ready sale at good prices that encourage southern shippers to send the best fruit.

Grain Products, Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 22c; Valley, 21c; bluestem, 20c.

Oats—White, 27c; gray, 27c. Barley—Brewing, 23c; feed, 22.50.

Hay—Timothy, 11c; clover, 11c; alfalfa, 11c.

Millstuffs—Barley, rolled, 23.50; middlings, 24c; chop, 16c; bran, 20c; shorts, 23c.

Flour—Hard wheat, straight, 4.15; 4.30; hard wheat patents, 4.75; 4.90; Valley, 4.30; 4.75; Graham, 4c; rye, 3c; whole wheat flour, 3.90.

Produce.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27c; 30c; dairy, 13c; cooking, 10c.

Cheese—Young American, 16c; Oregon full cream, 14c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27c. Poultry—Mixed chickens, per pound, 10c; spring, 11c; 12c; hens, 11c; 12c; geese, 9c; turkeys, live, 15c; 17c; turkeys, dressed, 20c; ducks, old, 15c; spring ducks, 16c.

Honey—Dark, 19c; amber, 12c; fancy white, 15c.

Wild Game.

Wild geese, 2.50; mallard ducks, 2.50; wildgeese ducks, 1.75; teal ducks, 1.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Tropical Fruits—Lemons, fancy, 33c; 3.75; choice, 3.25; oranges, 1.75; 2.00; cananana, 5c per pound; pineapples, 3.50 per dozen.

Potatoes, Oregon, 100 pounds, 2.00; 2.10; tomatoes, California, per crate, 2.00; turnips, per sack, 60c; cabbage, per pound, 1c; carrots, per sack, 60c; 75c; onions, 100 pounds, 2.40; 2.50; sweet potatoes, 1.50; 1.75 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, per dozen, 75c; celery, per dozen, 55c.

Oils and Lead.

Coal Oil—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 21c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 15c; wood barrels, none; cocene oil, cases, 25c; elaine oil, cases, 25c; extra star, cases, 26c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 24c; iron barrels, 18c. (Washington state test burning oils, except headlight, 1/2c per gallon higher.)

Benzine—Sixty-three degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15c.

Linseed Oil—Pure raw, in barrels, 52c; genuine kettie-bolled in barrels, 54c; pure raw oil, in cases, 57c; genuine kettie-bolled in cases, 59c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

Turpentine—in cases, 85c per gallon.

Gasoline—Stove gasoline, cases, 24c; iron barrels, 18c; 36 degrees gasoline, cases, 32c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

Lead—Strictly pure white lead and red lead in ton lots, 7c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500 pounds, 8 1/2c.

Fresh Meats and Fish.

Fresh Meats—Veal, 3c; mutton, 4c; 5c; beef, 3c; pork, 4c.

Fish—Crabs, per dozen, 1.25; Shoal-water Bay oysters, per sack, 4c; oysters, gallon, 2.25; halibut, 7c; black cod, 7c; salmon, Steelheads, 8c; silversides, 5c; herring, 5c; founders, 5c; catfish, 7c; lobsters, per pound, 12c; silver smelt, 5c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 5c; sturgeon, 7c; Columbia river smelt, 3c; bass, 12c.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar—Golden C, 35.55; powdered, 34.25; patent cube, 36.35; cane, D. G., 36.15; fruit sugar, 36.15; best sugar, 36.95; extra cwt. 10c; keg, cwt., 25c; boxes, cwt., 50c (less 1/2c per pound, if paid for in 15 days).

Salt—Bales of 75-lb, bale 1.50; bales of 50-lb, bale 1.50; bales of 40-lb, bale 1.50.

1.50; bales of 15-108, bale 1.50; bags, 50s, fine, ton, 39.50; bags 50 lbs., genuine Liverpool, ton, 37; bags 50 lbs., 1/2 ground, 100s, tons, 35.25; R. S. V. P., 20 5-lb cartons, 22.75; R. S. V. P., 24 3-lb cartons, 11.75; Liverpool lump, ton, 31.5.

Coffee—Mocha, 26c; Java, fancy, 26c; Java, good, 26c; Java, ordinary, 17c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19c; Costa Rica, good, 16c; Arabuckles, 15.25 per 100 pounds; Lion, 15.25.

Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 13c; No. 1, hard shell, 13c; Chile, 13c; almonds, 17c; filberts, 14c; Brazil, 16c; pecans, 13c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 8c; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 9c; Japanese peanuts, 5c; chestnuts, Italian, 14c; chestnuts, eastern, drum, 4.50; coconuts, dozen, 90c.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 35c; No. 2, 34c; Carolina head, 6c; broken head, 4c.

Provisions—Hams, to size, 13c; hams picnic, 9c; bacon, regular, 11c; bacon, breakfast, 14c; dry salt sides, 10c; backs, dry salt, 9c; lard, kettle rendered, tierced, 9c.

Dates—Golden, 40-lb. boxes, 6c; 7c; 1-lb packages, 8c; Fard, 15-lb boxes, 1.40 box.

Livestock.

Cattle—42.00; 4.25; hogs, 4.50; 5.50; sheep, 4.25; 4.50.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—27lb. 25c. Wool—Valley, 20c; Eastern Oregon, 14c.

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 3c; No. 2 and grease, 2c.

Hides—Flint dry cow and steer, 14c; 15c; flint dry calf, 14c; salted, 7c; green and grubby, 5c; sheep pelts as to wool, 10c; Angora, with wool on, 25c; 1.00.

LOCAL PRODUCE.

Prices Furnished by Ross, Higgins & Company. The following are the retail prices on local produce yesterday:

Eggs, per dozen, 30c; butter, best, per roll, 70c; chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c; mallard ducks, pair, 11c; apples, box, 75c; oranges, box, 2c; 2.25; potatoes, sack, 1.50; turnip, sack, 90c; carrots, sack, 1.

VILLAGES IN THE DARK.

Japanese Settlements Amid Dense Groves of Evergreens. Without having actually seen them you cannot imagine how dark some Japanese country villages remain, even in the brightest and hottest weather.

In the neighborhood of Tokyo itself there are many villages of this kind. At a short distance from such a settlement you see no houses; nothing is visible but a dense grove of evergreen trees.

The grove, which is usually composed of young cedars and bamboos, serves to shelter the village from storms and also to supply timber for various purposes. So closely are the trees planted that there is no room to pass between the trunks of them; they stand straight as masts and mingle their crests so as to form a roof that excludes the sun.

Each thatched cottage occupies a clear space in the plantation, the trees forming a fence about it double the height of the building. Under the trees it is always twilight, even at high noon, and the houses, morning and evening, are half in shadow. What makes the first impression of such a village almost disquieting is not the transparent gloom, which has a certain weird charm of its own, but the stillness.

There may be fifty or a hundred dwellings, but you see nobody and hear no sound but the twitter of invisible birds, the occasional crowing of cocks and the shrilling cicadae. Even the cicadae find these groves too dim and sing faintly. Being sun lovers, they prefer the trees outside the village. I forgot to say that you may sometimes hear a viewless shuttle—chaka-ton, chaka-ton—but that familiar sound in the great green silence seems an elfish happening. The reason of the hush is simply that the people are not at home.

All the adults have gone to the neighboring fields, the women carrying their babies on their backs, and most of the children have gone to the nearest school, perhaps not less than a mile away.—Atlantic.

TIDE TABLE, FEBRUARY

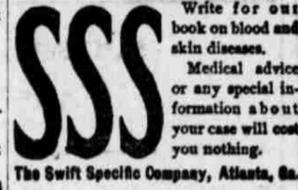
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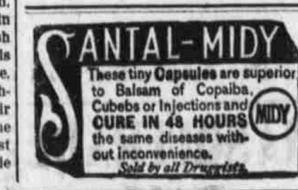
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